



2016 Connecticut State Optimist Championship  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich CT

**NOTICE OF RACE**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the “Conditions for USODA Events”.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will govern. This changes rule 63.7..1.3.
- 1.3 US Coast Guard approved PFDs shall be work at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Inflatable PFDs or buoyancy aids are not permitted. This changes rule 40.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Sailors may not reach their 16th before the start of the regatta. Skippers will register into White, Red and Blue fleets according to their ages as of October 15, 2016.
- 2.2 This event will be limited to the first 60 paid entries.

3 REGISTRATION AND FEES

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2956> prior to October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 3.2 Entry fee is \$40.00.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Saturday (10/15)**

0830	Check-in Opens
0930	Competitors' Meeting
1100	First Warning
1500	No Start After
	Awards and buffet to follow as soon as possible.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online and at check-in starting at 0830 on 10/15.

6 VENUE

Racing will be held in Captain Harbor or in the Long Island Sound south of the Captain Islands.

7 COURSES

Preferred course will be the Opti trapezoid. Course(s) will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 8.2 One race shall constitute a series
- 8.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed a competitor's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

9 SAFETY

- 9.1 No boat may launch until flag L is displayed from the main IHYC flag pole.
- 9.2 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Inflatable type PFDs and "floatation aids" (e.g. Zhik, Baltic) are not permitted. PFDs will be checked during the morning check-in period.
- 9.3 Failure to comply with 9.2 will be grounds for penalty, at the discretion of the protest committee, up to disqualification from any or all races sailed on the day of the violation instructions.
- 9.4 Competitors and/or coaches shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 9.2.
- 9.5 The Race Committee may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.
- 9.6 Coach/support boats may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors. Competitors without a designated support boat shall inform the Organizing Authority at registration.
- 9.7 Except in the case of emergency, coach, support, and spectator boats shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes.

10 COACH BOATS & LOGISTICS

- 10.1 Coach boats may launch by crane from IHYC. IHYC does **not** provide lifting bridles and/or straps. Boats shall be rigged appropriately to be lifted from a single point. IHYC staff will be on site to operate crane(s). Powerboat and sailboat trailers may be kept at IHYC for the duration of the event, starting Friday, October 14.
- 10.2 Sailboat trailers may be kept and unloaded at IHYC starting 1730 Friday, Oct. 14. Trailers must be removed by 1000 Sunday Oct. 16.
- 10.3 Parking is **not** allowed at IHYC for the duration of the event except for current IHYC members. Alternative parking is available on the street or in the lot at 660 Steamboat Rd.
- 10.4 Failure to comply with 10.2 & 10.3 will be grounds for penalty, at the discretion of the protest committee, up to disqualification for all sailors associated with the vehicle's driver. If alternate arrangements are required, please email [waterfront@indianharboryc.com](mailto:waterfront@indianharboryc.com) prior to the event.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> for Opti White, Blue and Red. Additionally, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be awarded overall in the Opti RWB fleets. Only sailors that are residents of the State of Connecticut will be eligible for perpetual trophies for top sailor in RWB fleets, which are as follows: Top Red Fleet finisher, "Morgan Point Trophy;" top blue fleet finisher, "Captain's Cove Trophy;" top white fleet finisher, "Faulkner Island Trophy." The top overall finisher overall that is a resident of the State of Connecticut will also be awarded the Connecticut State Optimist Championship Trophy.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta

13 CONTACTS

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